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To: Chairwoman Ravel and Commissioners Eskovitz, Garrett, Montgomery, and Rotunda

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Subject: Update to Legislative Report dated March 31, 2011

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Since the March 31, 2011, legislative report was issued, two of the bills included in the report, SB 46 (Correa) and AB 447 (Huffman and Fletcher), were amended to include substantive changes to the Act. SB 46 was listed as a "watch" bill and AB 447 was previously a "spot" bill. In addition, two bills that were not previously related to the Act have been amended to affect the Act -- AB 785 (Mendoza) and AB 860 (Jones and Mansoor). Summaries of the proposals are below.

SB 46 (Correa)

Disclosure of Government Compensation

This bill would require individuals who are required to file a Statement of Economic Interests to include, as part of that filing, a compensation disclosure form. The compensation disclosure form would require specified information related to government "compensation" received by that individual in the preceding calendar year. As an alternative, an agency may compile the specified information for each individual and post the information on its website.

Status: Senate Governance and Finance Committee. Hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2011.

AB 447 (Huffman and Fletcher)

Comprehensive PRA Reform

This comprehensive reform bill contains several changes to the Act. The vast majority of the proposals are a result of the Task Force recommendations. The proposals include, among others: 1) the development of a statewide electronic filing system, 2) requirement for committee treasurers to complete an online certification course, 3) quarterly filing of campaign statements, 3) requiring only one preelection statement instead of two, 4) eliminating certain special reports, 5) extending the late filing period from 16 days to 45 days, 6) setting limits for contributions and voluntary expenditure ceilings at current amounts and eliminating the biennial Consumer Price Index adjustment, and 7) setting the yearly gift limit at \$250 and eliminating the biennial Consumer Price Index adjustment.

Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee.

AB 785 (Mendoza)

Conflicts of Interest

This bill would provide, for purposes of conflicts of interest, that a public official who is an elected or appointed member of any state or local body, board, or commission has a financial interest in a decision

if an "immediate family member" has a financial interest in the decision. The bill defines "immediate family member" for purposes of this section as the public official's spouse or domestic partner, children, parents, siblings, and the spouse or domestic partner of a child, parent, or sibling.

Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting Committee. Hearing is scheduled for April 12, 2011.

AB 860 (Jones and Mansoor)

Corporation and Union Influence Reduction Act

This bill would prohibit: 1) corporations and labor unions from making contributions to candidates for elective office or to committees or other entities that would use the contributions to fund a candidate or candidate-controlled committee; 2) a government contractor from making a contribution to an elected officer if the officer is in a position to award a government contract to such contractor; and, 3) a corporation, labor union, government contractor, or government employer from deducting from an employee's compensation money to be used for political purposes.

Status: Assembly Elections and Redistricting.